

Baseball Men From Many Sections Gathering in New York City for Three League Meetings

JERRY FREEMAN TO GO BACK?

According to Statement Emanating From Toledo Former National Under Cantillon Is to Return to Play First—Ainsmith Takes Wise Stand.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

From Toledo comes a vague rumor that Jerry Freeman is negotiating with President Watkins, the Indianapolis club, for the purchase of Jerry Freeman, who played first base here under Joe Cantillon.

None of the Washington officials here know anything of the proposed deal, and they are inclined to doubt that it will go through, as Freeman was but recently obtained by Indianapolis, and if he should be allowed to go it would leave that club without a first baseman, as Charley Carr has but recently quit.

Freeman played great ball for Toledo last summer, and by many, he was said to be ripe for a return to the major leagues, but if McAleer has any intention of bringing him here he has kept the matter a profound secret.

The eyes of the baseball world are on New York.

That 5 o'Clock Law.

Baseball fans and athletic enthusiasts generally, in the various Government departments, were thoroughly aroused when their attention was called, in the Sunday evening edition of The Times, to the fact that the promulgation of a regulation compelling the clerks to remain at their desks until 5 o'clock would be a bitter blow to every branch of sport in Washington.

They had considered the various inconveniences such a law would bring about, but, being the off season, they had forgotten, for the time being, that an extra hour meant no baseball. While it is a fact that the majority of the fans of this city are not enlisted from the departments of the Government, it is nevertheless, true that every season thousands and thousands of the clerks go to National Park to see the game, and the withdrawal of their patronage would mean a shrinkage in the crowds and receipts of the Nationals.

And the amateurs are affected even worse. For years their games have been started late, but they are forced to postpone their hour of opening even further if it will be necessary to call the games before six or seven innings have been played and the sport must necessarily suffer as a result of such a movement.

Sport in Washington will certainly receive a bitter blow if the extra half-hour is tacked upon the working day of the 36,000 Government clerks in this city.

Ran Johnson followed the lead of Colonel Roosevelt in the former incident, when he refused to sit at the same

table with Charley Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs. There will be no feud, as there will be no food, Ben Shibe having called off the dinner when Ben Johnson declined to accept a bid.

Bill Kay in Lead.

"King Bill" Kay, well known as a former National, leads the New York State League with the bat during the season just closed, according to official averages released today. In 157 games he clouted the leather for 385, which gave him a big lead over his nearest rival, Lumley, of Binghamton.

Philadelphia is especially enthusiastic over the achievement of Kay, as the big outfielder is the property of Connie Mack, and the Quaker writers seem to think that he will be valuable man for the Athletics.

Despite his good work with Albany, Kay's value to the Athletics will simply be as a trading proposition. No one who saw Kay in his games at National Park will believe that he will be a star in fast company until he has been polished off by years of experience in the minor leagues. He is good in the field, but that lets him out, and he is hardly the type of player Connie Mack desires when he commences to rebuild the present world's champions.

Kay will star in the minors, but not in the majors.

There will be no dearth of baseball this week in New York.

Ainsmith's Stand. When it was announced that Eddie Ainsmith was playing professional basketball during the winter, it was suggested in these columns that the Washington officials ask the promising young catcher to stop the practice, which might result in serious injury.

A few days later President Noyes received word from the player that he had resigned from the basketball team. Commenting on this the Boston Globe has the following to say:

"Eddie Ainsmith, who has been playing basketball here since the close of the baseball season, has written President Noyes, of the Washington club, with whom he is under contract, that he has decided to leave the team to pursue his career in basketball. Ainsmith, who was secured from the New England League by Washington last August, is regarded as one of the finds of the year in baseball and as good a batsman as has come to the front in years. Ainsmith is altogether sensible in the position he has taken. Legs and arms are sometimes broken in basketball, and should, by any chance, such an accident befall Ainsmith a very promising diamond career would doubtless be nipped in its infancy."

CAUGHT ON THE FLY IN WORLD OF BASEBALL

"Doc" White is a big hit as a vaudeville.

Hovace Spectacular Fogel is after Umberto Klein's job.

Sam Crawford and "King" Cole are the barbers in major league baseball.

Ed Bang, of the Cleveland Press, and Secretary Barnard, of the Cleveland Club, are in Cuba.

Jimmie Collins will be retained next season as manager of the Providence club, in the Eastern League.

J. Russell Blackburn, shortstop on the Chicago American team, was married to Miss Burns, at Riverside, N. J., on December 1.

Mexico seems to be a delightful place for the National League magnates to hold their annual meeting. Why not take advantage of the suggestion?

Dear Old Uncle Anson announces that he will cease to be a candidate for the National League presidency in 1912. This is highly conservative, uncle, and shows his kindly modesty.

John Evers now announces that he will stick with the Cubs after all, and that he will go South in the spring—if "Chance" really wants him to go—and if there is a piece of coin attached.

They talk of making radical changes in the Boston Nationals. Among the additions and improvements, it is understood, will be a new park, a new president, a new manager, and a new ball team.

Billy Gilbert, the former Giant, last season with Wilkesbarre, Binghamton and Albany in the New York State League has signed to manage Erie in the Ohio and Pennsylvania League next year.

If batters are allowed to steal first base next year when pitchers go to sleep, it will make the game more exciting. This would be a change that would be welcomed by all lovers of the national pastime.

"Samson's strength was in his hair," remarked Hans Lohr. "He let it grow clear down to the ground." "I'd have given \$4 to see Samson try to do that," growled those whose hair is flying," commented Harry Gaspar.

Ask a dozen ball players what they consider the greatest invention of the age. "Two or three of them may say the wireless telegraph, but the rest will divide their sentiments between custard pie and the fielder's glove."

Billy Clymer denies the story that he will manage the Montreal team of the Eastern League next season. Clymer says he will stay with Wilkesbarre, although he had received offers to manage clubs in higher class leagues.

All John L. Taylor will have to do in New York to attract a crowd of brother magnates will be to make a noise like he wants to go home. Do the other "magnates" like to trade with the leading John L. Taylor? Does a duck like water?

Nip Rucker fell into the water while duck-shooting the other day. He almost drowned, and had a terrible struggle in the time. Just as he was about to give up a bright thought came to him; he let down his feet, and walked ashore.

Barney Dreyfuss is of the opinion that the "Baptists" would have repeated their triumph in the National League if two of his players had stayed on the water wagon. Does he mean that less than that number rode the cart through the last season?

Harry ("Cy") Morgan, one of the leading pitchers of Connie Mack's champion baseball team, who has been at

his home in this city, has entered vaudeville. His contract calls for \$300 a week. Cy gave his first performance in Martin's Ferry, Va.

Queer that none of the amusement managers have thought to snap up Topsy Hartel for a drawing card. Besides being a member of the famous Athletics, Topsy is one of the best singers and dancers in the baseball world, and could take care of himself in vaudeville without falling over his own feet.

Charley Murphy says that the Cubs will have three of the most remarkable young pitchers in the business, fully fit to take the places of any of the veterans who may fade away. It really looks as if the Cubs needed about a dozen new pitchers after that fatal fifth game against Con Mack's pesky crew.

When the victorious Athletics came trooping home from conquering the Cubs some of the Philadelphia enthusiasts got up a subscription to buy Eddie Collins an automobile. Enthusiasm cooled, however, when a campaign is once over. At last reports the auto subscriptions totaled about \$3.87, and no more coin in sight.

A ridiculous yarn was sent out of Cincinnati last week by one of the many redneck scribblers who write on spaces that Hobbitz would be traded to Pittsburgh for Wagner. While Hans is in the doubtful if he will ever play in any other city but Pittsburgh, regardless of any deal Barney Dreyfuss may make for his transfer.

Some of the players think that one or two of the umpires who participated in the world's series should receive tin cans, instead of diamond buttons. Then, again, the "official" scorers think they should receive medals from Carnegie. Some of those scorers who score the series in their own quaint way have nothing on scorers and chorus girls when it comes to jealousy.

Rube Marquard is to get another trial as a Giant. The former American Association and Central League star has not lived up to the advances notices with the New York team, but McGraw still has faith in him and believes he will shine in the National League if he ever strikes his stride. Bugs Raymond is another man McGraw clings to. He has been trying to persuade Bugs to take the Keeley cure.

Cleveland fans believe they will have an entire outfield of 200 hitters next year. They point on improvement in the batting of Granger, who was about twenty-five points shy of the figure last season. Easterly is expected to play the outfield and hit well and the other members of the trio will be the reliable Mr. Jackson, who is expected to break up the league with his all-around work.

Jimmy Callahan, the former major leaguer and now a Chicago semi-pro magnate, is ending the winter pretty good in the big city. He has been making about \$10,000 a year with his Logan Squares, and it occurred to him the other day that he would like to manage the Indianapolis team.

Kittredge to Catch For Saginaw Team

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 12.—Malachai Kittredge, who bought the Saginaw baseball club a short time ago, began a course of training this week and he was asked what it was for. "I'm going behind the bat again next season," he replied. "I'll have to reduce considerably and am beginning early. I'll take my regular turn."

BOWLING LEAGUES HAVE FEW SHIFTS

Track and Roadway Team Make Big Jump In Railway Relief League.

COLONIALS ADVANCE INTO SECOND PLACE

Saengerbund and Fat Men Still Hold Lead In District Leagues.

By "KING PIN."

Few changes were the result of the past week's pin battles, the majority of the teams in the various leagues remaining in the same positions formerly held.

One of the biggest shifts was in the Railway Relief Association Tenpin League, Track and Roadway, by winning all three of its games, having pulled up on even terms with the Northern and Northeastern teams for the leadership of the league.

In the Colonial League the Pioneers took the full set from the Continentals and went into second place, the Puritans falling back to the third notch.

The Fat Men and Saengerbund still hold their comfortable margin of lead for first in each of the two District Leagues, and Agriculture maintained its position at the top of the Departmental League by winning two out of three from last year's champions, the Navy Yard unit.

In duckpins, the Royal team, in the District League, won the rubber in its last match, passing the Arlingtons, and now holds third place.

The following are the team standings in the various leagues:

TENPINS.

DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Fat Men	27	26	7	.741
Colonials	27	26	7	.741
Neulangs	27	26	7	.741
Bureau	27	26	7	.741
Census	27	26	7	.741
Potomacs	27	26	7	.741
Nationals	27	26	7	.741
Essex	27	26	7	.741

COLONIAL LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Manhattan	23	26	7	.788
Pioneers	23	26	7	.788
Puritans	23	26	7	.788
Kickerbockers	23	26	7	.788
Inquits	23	26	7	.788
Continental	23	26	7	.788
Pilgrims	23	26	7	.788
Virginians	23	26	7	.788

OLD DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Saengerbund	27	26	7	.741
Chamber Commerce	27	26	7	.741
Arcade	27	26	7	.741
Y. M. C. A.	27	26	7	.741
Carroll	27	26	7	.741
Terminal Y. M. C. A.	27	26	7	.741

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Agriculture	24	26	7	.788
Commissioners	24	26	7	.788
Treasury	24	26	7	.788
Navy Yard	24	26	7	.788
Bureau	24	26	7	.788
Census	24	26	7	.788
Interior	24	26	7	.788
War	24	26	7	.788

WASHINGTON RAILWAY RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Track and Roadway	18	12	6	.667
Northern	18	12	6	.667
Northeastern	18	12	6	.667
Columbia	18	12	6	.667
Southern	18	12	6	.667
Continental	18	12	6	.667
Mechanical	18	12	6	.667
Lighting Company	18	12	6	.667

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Dumbarton	21	15	6	.714
Pleasant	21	15	6	.714
Lightwood	21	15	6	.714
West Washington	21	15	6	.714
St. John's	21	15	6	.714
Leithany	21	15	6	.714

NATIONAL UNION LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Columbia	26	19	7	.731
Harmony	26	19	7	.731
Kutulus	26	19	7	.731
Orioles	26	19	7	.731

G. P. O. UNION LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Pressmen	21	15	6	.714
Stamper	21	15	6	.714
Railroad	21	15	6	.714
Antique	21	15	6	.714
Foundry	21	15	6	.714
Bureau	21	15	6	.714

SAENGERBUND LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Mozarts	18	12	6	.667
Brahms	18	12	6	.667
Glucks	18	12	6	.667
Schubert	18	12	6	.667
Haydn	18	12	6	.667
Beethoven	18	12	6	.667
Schumann	18	12	6	.667
Wagners	18	12	6	.667

DUCKPINS.

ARCADE LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Columbia	20	28	2	.933
Ingleside	20	28	2	.933
Bureau	20	28	2	.933
Holmeads	20	28	2	.933
Argyle	20	28	2	.933
Engineers	20	28	2	.933
Parkview	20	28	2	.933
Times	20	28	2	.933

DISTRICT LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Belmonts	20	19	1	.950
Capitol Hill	20	19	1	.950
Royal	20	19	1	.950
Arlington	20	19	1	.950
Garrison	20	19	1	.950
Goodfellow	20	19	1	.950
Hummers	20	19	1	.950
Resolute	20	19	1	.950
St. John's	20	19	1	.950
Sureaks	20	19	1	.950
Congressional	20	19	1	.950

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Westminster	24	13	11	.542
St. Marks	24	13	11	.542
Sixth	24	13	11	.542
Kendall	24	13	11	.542
St. John's	24	13	11	.542
Fifth	24	13	11	.542

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Palace	20	22	7	.757
Stars	20	22	7	.757
Mr. Vermons	20	22	7	.757
Wisconsin	20	22	7	.757
Nationals	20	22	7	.757
Y. M. C. A.	20	22	7	.757
Casinos	20	22	7	.757
Immaculate	20	22	7	.757
National Council	20	22	7	.757
Tigers	20	22	7	.757

Will Decide If Washington Gets Flynn



FRED CLARKE, Manager of Pittsburgh Club, Who Will Have Conference With Jimmy McAleer at New York.

MAGNATES READY FOR GATHERINGS

Not Much Turmoil Expected In Either of Big League Meetings—National Circuit Owners Expected to Lock Horns on Adoption of Schedule.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The storm center of the baseball world this week will be the corner of Broadway and Thirtieth street, New York city.

The American League will meet at the Hotel Wolcott, on Thirty-first street, while the National League will conduct their deliberations at the Breslin, corner of Broadway and Twenty-ninth street.

Nothing like the turmoil of a year ago is expected. Then half of the National League magnates were seeking the scalp of President John Heydler, while the other half were just as insistent that Heydler be retained.

After nearly a week of heated strife the tired magnates compromised upon Thomas Lynch, he being the choice of John T. Brush. Naturally, having been Lynch's sponsor, Brush upheld his administration, even though such action throws him into the Hermann-Dreyfuss bandwagon.

To tell the truth, Lynch has no avowed enemy in the National League. Ebbetts, and Fogel may have disagreed with Lynch on various matters, but Ebbetts has declared in favor of the former, and Fogel and Murphy will scarcely hold out.

There is liable to be considerable controversy over the appointment of some of the National League umpires. Fogel and Robison have declared that certain members of Lynch's staff of arbitrators should not be reappointed, and they may endeavor, with the help of Murphy and Ebbetts, to have legislation passed that would like to possess, but, on the other hand, Lynch says that Ebbetts is about his official and Robison has nothing to say about any of the entire staff. In fact, he said last summer that the Los Angeles were better than the best National League.

Love Feast for Americans. While the National League are thrashing out these problems at the Breslin, the American League will be having their annual love feast at the Wolcott. John I. Taylor will have the necessary sum to be appropriated to buy a pennant for the Philadelphia club. That will be carried unanimously, as will the motion that the athletics be declared the champions.

Charles Comiskey will offer the suggestion that the schedule consist of 15 games, all voting away. After which Shibe will invite all hands to his banquet to be held that night. It is needless to say that the motion will be accepted and the motion to adjourn will be entertained by Ben Johnson.

Trades Will Be Discussed. This is all that will take place in the meeting room, which, at the Wolcott, is generally a room about twelve by fourteen. Down stairs in the lobby, however, there will be talkfests galore. John I. Taylor will try to find out what players he can get for Joe Wood and Bill Carrigan. Taylor needs a first baseman now to fill the place vacated by Jake Stahl, and he will offer good men to get the man he wants. Jimmy McAleer says nearly any one of his Nationals is on the market, but he wants value received and a little more for any player he parts with.

Bob Hodges, of St. Louis, wants an old catcher, and all voting away. Love magnates are willing to give him a few Cobbs or Speakers for his has-beens and never-wuzzers—well, Bob may accept. Charley Comiskey says he has got to have another good catcher. He may have Carrigan in view, but he has no first base to offer. In fact, he has got a real first baseman for his own club.

Frank Navin may also be in a trading mood. Cleveland's hands any time that Somers says the word and he would also like to pick up a second baseman, as he wishes to be protected in the event that Jim Delahanty is slow in recovering from his injury of this year.

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